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In re Patent Application of:

Bachur et al.

Application No.: 09/892,061

Filed: June 26, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTICALLY
MONITORING THE CONCENTRATION OF
A GAS, OR THE PRESSURE, IN A
SAMPLE VIAL TO DETECT SAMPLE
GROWTH

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2008, finally rejecting claims 113-115 and 119-122, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: